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Appomattox is Proud of Its Veterans . . .

Today, November 11, is Veterans Day and is a symbol of a time when there will be no more wars. The veterans of this county have joined their comrades from all over this great nation, to offer a sacrifice for the time when nations can live in peace and harmony and the sacred rights of man will be respected. November 11th is more than another anniversary of the ending of World War I. It is a time for honoring all veterans and going on record with a debt of gratitude. So we salute the Veterans of Appomattox Country and pray that their services to this great country will never be forgotten.

The Veterans served their nation that it might be strong in a world of changing times. Today the Veterans stand at the forefront of those who want to keep America strong. True Americanism seeks to blend might and right into an impregnable union. One way to keep Ammerica strong is to start at the grass roots and keep the community strong. That is why we bring these messages to you, so that you will join us in building a strong Appomattox . . . strong in its institutions, the character of its fine people, and strong in its economic prosperity. You can help make our community stronger by trading at home, by supporting all the commnuity projects of our growing town. And for our part, we are seeking constantly to give you friendly service so that you will want to visit us often.

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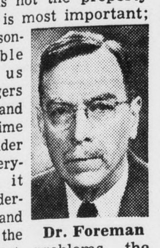
Scripture: Proverbs 11:24-28; 13:7; 15:16-17; 16:8, 16; 20:11-12; 22:1-5, 9; 28:6-28.
Devotional Reading: Matthew 6:24-33.

Study in Values

Lesson for November 14, 1954

IS IT a sin to be rich? The Bible does not say so. A poor man may be better or worse than a rich man. It is not the property of a man that is most important; it is his personality. The Bible does warn us about the dangers of wealth; and since in our time (as back yonder too) nearly everybody thinks it would be wonderful to be rich and that money is the answer to most problems, the Bible's warnings are almost the only ones we can ever hear.



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When Money Comes First

There is one special danger that runs through all the others: the danger of putting money first. We say "What is So-and-so worth?" when we ought to say "How much money does he have?" A worthless rascal may be very rich. The United States has found it necessary to deport men who could buy you out, dear reader, and me too. If we put money first, we measure men by a crooked yardstick. Then if we think of money as the most desirable thing in life—or property of any sort, not money alone—we shall cut corners to get it. If it were true that money is the principal thing, then we would lie and steal to get it—just as many persons do. Think of the lies told every day in the business world, recall the wealthy men who have been convicted of evading their taxes. Once think of money as Value Number One, and you will begin excusing all the sins, provided a man has a big enough pile.

Fancy Front

You could have an interesting time collecting the lies that are connected in one way or another with money. Proverbs points out that some rich men pretend to be poor and some poor men pretend to be rich. That sounds funny but it's a fact. On every street in the more exclusive residential sections of cities there are families who are trying to give the impression of being better off than they are. The house is bigger than they can afford, they really keep themselves in debt pretending not to be in debt! And then there are the rich who pretend to be poor. These are not all Texas millionaires trying to look like cow-hands. When the church (for instance) takes its every-member canvass and approaches some one who is known to be wealthy though not generous and who may have just bought an expensive car, how familiar is the response: "I'd be glad to increase my pledge but I can't afford it!"

Treasure and Trouble

Pastors of wealthy congregations, lawyers and doctors too, can tell you they know people who would be able to shed their troubles, or most of them, if they just could lose their money. The reader can verify this by reading any newspaper for a few weeks and checking up on head-lined tales of people in trouble. Not always, but often, the trouble started either because the person involved had too much money, or because he wanted money too much. Alcoholism, for instance: who are the alcoholics you know? Are most of them busy people in moderate circumstances, or are they people with more time and money on their hands than they know quite what to do with? Or take the divorce stories. At the time this column is being written the story is being headlined of a nationally notorious divorce. Readers are led to believe that neither the marriage nor the divorce would have taken place if the young man had been, say, a school teacher or a plasterer. His millions were bait—as any one could have guessed.

A Good Name Is Better

When some smart Alec (or Alice) asks you, "If money isn't the best thing there is, name me something better," you can quote Proverbs right away: "A good name is better than riches." (This isn't the only better thing, but it is one.) It is not always necessary to choose between the good name and the money; but ask the man who has both, which he would rather have. He will tell you, his good name, of course. When a business is sold, the "good will" sometimes comes at a higher figure than the place and all the fixtures and inventory. For what people think of you is far more important to you.

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Rural Health in Virginia

(Editor's note: This is the seventh in a series of articles on rural health in Virginia).

Blacksburg.- Several public agencies have a part in health programs, in addition to the specialized health agencies, such as the State Department of Health, the Department of Mental Hygiene and Hospitals, and the medical schools.

Dr. W. E. Garnett, rural sociologist at VPI, in a study on "The Road to Rural Health in Virginia: 1900-1952," points out that of the $20,258,000 spent by state health agencies in 1950, the State Department of Health was responsible for only 25.5%.

What are these agencies and what do they do?

The State Department of Education maintains a division of health and physical education, and safety to supervise health activities, and to help local school systems develop work in this field. Notable activities are instruction of students; physical inspection by teachers of children under their care and cooperation with local health departments and parents in having defects corrected; promotion of health education among adults; and improvement of nutrition through the school lunch program.

A vocational rehabilitation program is also conducted and includes medical assistance to correct physical disabilities and consultations on re-education. In 1950-51, more than 3,300 disabled persons were helped through this program at a cost of $586,349. Of this amount $385,139 came from Federal funds, and $210,210 from state funds. The 1,449 persons rehabilitated during the year earned $2,245,895 the first year after rehabilitation. The work of the program is conducted through field agents and cooperating doctors and teachers. Training is given at the Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center at Fisherville.

The Agricultural Extension Service at VPI contributes to health in several ways, especially through its home demonstration and 4-H club work. It conducts educational work with rural people, stimulates interest in periodic physical examinations, and guides community effort in behalf of health and medical care.

The Agricultural Experiment Station at VPI conducts research studies dealing with health and medical care, housing, nutrition, and other subjetcs.

The State Department of Agriculture establishes and enforces standards on sanitation and purity of milk and other foods; and conducts a program for controlling animal diseases harmful to humans such as tuberculosis and brucellosis. Its control work on fruit sprays prevents human poisoning.

The University of Virginia Extension Service helps the University Medical Department in cooperation with the State Medical Society in arranging and conducting post-graduate courses and special lectures for doctors; sponsors or helps with meetings to further popular understanding of health.

The State Department of Public Welfare administers the publically supported medical aid program for the indigent and medically needy and also helps coordinate efforts of volunteer organizations in behalf of the same group.

The State Department of Labor conducts a factory inspection service to maintain sanitary and safe working conditions.

The State Compensation Board administers a program through which those injured in industrial employment receive compensation.

The State Highway Department carries on a continuous program to reduce the number of highway accidents.

The Department of Professional and Occupational Registration through its examinations and system of licensing, maintains standards for the various groups concerned with health; or more specifically the state boards of examiners of medical practitioners, dentists, pharmacists, nurses, optometrists, and clinical psychologists maintain such standards.

The Virginia Commission for the Blind, in addition to its other types of work, sponsors eye clinics and other sight-saving activities. The commission claims about half of blindness can be prevented. It maintains two work shops for the blind and conducts education programs which include the distribution of talking-book machines, supervision of certain types of employment, and direct aid—the later amounting to $550,812 for the year ending June 30, 1951.

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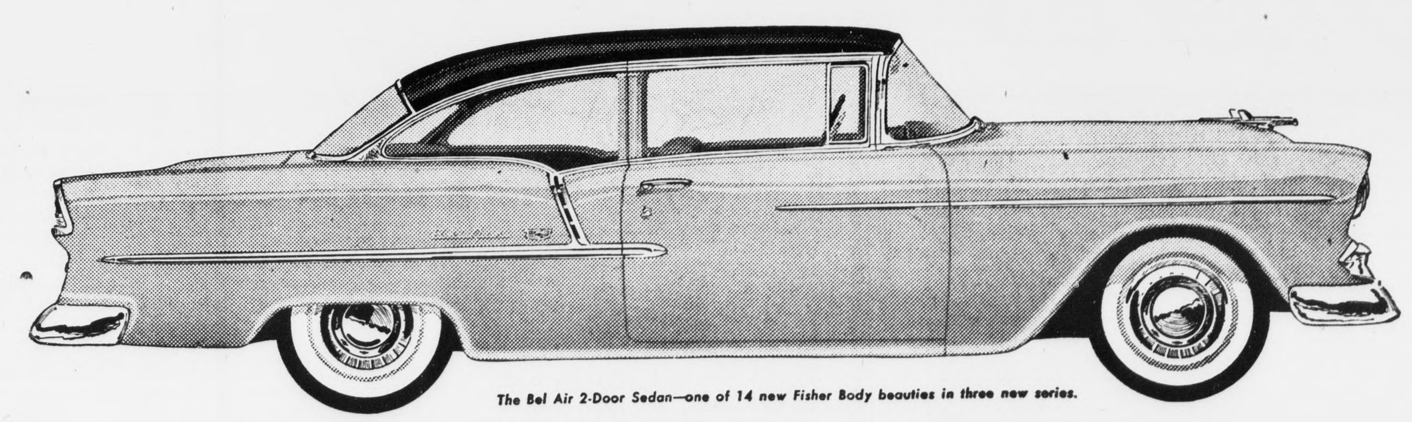

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